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Attorney General John Ashcroft
United States Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

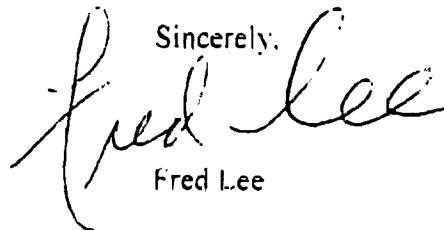
I am a web designer and, hence, very familiar with the technology market.

I watched with interest the antitrust case brought against Microsoft several years ago. My own personal opinion is that it was unwarranted. Bill Gates is aggressive. But business is aggressive. Competition in the market place is fierce. Furthermore, people buy what they want. Microsoft put out a quality product. Bill Gates was the first to standardize software programs, allowing the technology revolution to reach into every home. If another firm had done it, we would not be talking about Microsoft, but that particular company. However, a settlement was reached, which I was happy for. It is time to quit wasting both time and money. Microsoft has been chastened, agreeing to terms well beyond what was actually at issue in the original suit.

Microsoft has agreed to share any code or programming that Window uses to communicate with other programs; Microsoft will help companies better achieve a greater degree of reliability with regard to their networking software; Microsoft agreed to a technical committee to monitor future compliance. I think Microsoft has done more than its share of complying with demands from the Justice Department.

I urge you to give your approval to this particular agreement. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fred Lee". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name "Fred Lee".

Fred Lee